

## Message Text

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SUBJ: NEW MEMBERS OF FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

REF: A) BELGRADE 3532 B) BELGRADE 2331

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1. ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE NEW  
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FEDERAL ASSEMBLY THE FOLLOWING OFFICIALS WERE APPROVED  
FOR POSITIONS ON THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (FEC),  
INCLUDING THE FEDERAL SECRETARIES AND PRESIDENTS OF  
THE FEDERAL COMMITTEES:

PRESIDENT: VESELIN DJURANOVIC (MONTENEGRIN--REELECTED)  
VICE-PRESIDENTS:

BRANISLAV IKONIC (SERB)  
IVO MARGAN (CROAT)  
ANDREJ MARINC (SLOVENE)  
DRAGOLJUB STAVREV (MACEDONIAN)  
GOJKO UBIPARIP (BOSNIAN SERB -- NEW AS VICE PRESIDENT BUT FORMER  
FEC MEMBER)  
FEDERAL SECRETARIES:  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS: JOSIP VRHOVEC (CROAT)  
NATIONAL DEFENSE: NIKOLA LJUBICIC (SERB--REELECTED)  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS: FRANJO HERLJEVIC (BOSNIAN CROAT--REELECTED)  
FINANCE: PETAR KOSTIC (SERB)  
FOREIGN TRADE: METOD ROTAR (SLOVENE)  
MARKET AND GENERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS: IMER PULJA (KOSOVO  
ALBANIAN--REELECTED)  
JUSTICE AND ORGANIZATION OF THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION:  
LUKA BANOVIC (MONTENEGRIN)  
INFORMATION: ISMAJL BAJRA (KOSOVO ALBANIAN)  
PREPRESIDNETS OF FEDERAL COMMITTEES:  
ENERGY AND INDUSTRY: STOJAN MATKALIEV (MACEDONIAN)  
AGRICULTURE: MILOVAN ZIDAR (SLOVENE)  
TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS: ANTE ZELIC (CROAT)  
LABOR, HEALTH AND SOCIAL PROTECTION: SVETOZAR PEPOVSKI (MACEDONIAN)  
QUESTIONS OF VETERANS AND DISABLED WAR VETERANS: MILAN VUKASOVIC  
(MONTENEGRIN)  
LEGISLATION: ALEKSANDAR FIRA (VOJVODINA SERB)  
MEMBERS WITHOUT (ANNOUNCED) PORTFOLIO:  
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STOJAN ANDOV (MACEDONIAN)  
VUKO DRAGASEVIC (MONTENEGRIN)  
SLOBODAN GLIGORIJEVIC (SERB)  
DUSAN ILIJEVIC (VOJVODINA SERB)  
RADOJE KONTIC (MONTENEGRIN)  
BOGOLJUB NEDELJKOVIC (KOSOVO SERB)  
VAJO SKENDZIC (CROATIAN SERB)  
BORIS SNUDERL (SLOVENE)  
SUKRIJA UZUNOVIC (BOSNIAN MOSLEM)  
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2. CHANGES APPARENTLY TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY AS THE  
LOCAL PRESS IS ALREADY REFERRING TO THESE OFFICIALS  
BY THEIR NEW TITLES. WE FIND NOTHING STARTLING IN  
THE NEW LINE-UP. MOST OF THE MAJOR POSITIONS HAVE  
BEEN REPORTED EARLIER, AND A NUMBER OF THE OFFICIALS  
HAVE SERVED ON THE FEC IN PAST TERM. ALONG THE LINES  
SUGGESTED BY THE EARLIER GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION  
(REF B) THE NEW FEC HAS 29 RATHER THAN 35 MEMBERS,  
BROKEN DOWN (EXCLUSIVE OF THE PRESIDENT) INTO FOUR FROM

EACH REPUBLIC, BUT ONLY THREE FROM BOSNIA, PLUS THREE KOSOVANS AND TWO VOJVODINIANS. ONE INTERESTING CHOICE, OF WHICH WE HAD NOT HAD EARLIER WORD IS THE SELECTION OF LUKA BANOVIC AS SECRETARY FOR JUSTICE. BANOVIC HAS UNTIL NOW SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL POLICY OF THE ASSEMBLY'S FEDERAL CHAMBER, BUT UNTIL 1974 WAS THE SECRETARY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

3. WE PRESUME DEPARTMENT WILL ARRANGE APPROPRIATE CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES TO NEW SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS JOSIP VRHOVEC AND TO FEC PRESIDENT DJURANOVIC ON HIS REELECTION. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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